

PREVENTION STAKEHOLDER CONFERENCE CALL SUMMARY
August 30, 2011

Recommendations/Comments from Participants

1. If the proposal to eliminate ADP is carried out and AOD Prevention is placed in a different state agency, it would be best suited with an agency that possesses strong skills to implement environmental prevention, youth development programs, and evidenced-based programs so that the county programs don't go away.
2. The best destination for AOD prevention is the Department of Public Health (DPH). AOD Prevention best fits with DPH for the following reasons:
 - a. The Public Health system understands community-based, environmental prevention strategies
 - b. The Public Health system understands youth development programming
 - c. Public Health shares a focus on wellness and prevention
 - d. Existing partnerships between Public Health and AOD prevention exist
 - e. The Public Health system can give counties organizational support and match county structure.
3. ADP Prevention staff should be transferred to wherever the prevention dollars are moved so they can continue to provide current level of guidance, expertise, and oversight. There is a need for state guidance on mandates, oversight for linkages, and leadership.
4. If ADP is dissolved and if it is moved to DHCS or under some other agency, this would be like going back in time, and services could be diluted. It is recommended that ADP remain as the state agency that oversees all AOD issues and moved as a department to DPH. There should be an ongoing connectivity to prevention, treatment, and recovery to make sure linkages are not lost.
5. In order to protect the SAPT Block Grant Primary Prevention 20% set-aside, state core functions and oversight need to continue; it will require a single state agency.
6. The 20 percent set-aside for AOD prevention is also used to maintain and manage data—if prevention does shift to DPH, CalOMS Pv could be utilized to benefit other agencies.
7. ADP Prevention, including the Resource Center, data collection (CalOMS Pv) and technical assistance, and the Office of Problem Gambling should move to DPH as these resources can be used by DPH as well.